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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 18, 2003, please consider the following remarks in respect to our election and traverse of the Restriction Requirement made therein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are currently pending in this application. No fee is due by way of this Response. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount found owing, or to credit any amount overpaid in this application to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

The Examiner has restricted the claims between Group I (claims 1-9), Group II (claims 10-15) and Group III (claims 16-20). The Examiner further restricts the claims of Groups I and II into four species (*i.e.*, N-channel FET, P-channel FET, N-channel Bipolar, P-channel Bipolar). The Examiner further restricts the claims of Group III into two species (*i.e.*, determining a voltage across a portion of a fuel cell stack; determining a voltage across a power bus of a fuel cell stack).

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, and particularly claims 1-7 and 9, and traverse the restriction requirement with respect to the remaining claims 8, 10-20, for the reasons stated below.

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